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# THE CITY'S GATES OPENED WDE TO WELCOME REX

(President of the Richmond Carnival Association.)

Imposing Ceremonies Will Attend the Inauguration of the Great Richmond Carnival and Free Street Fair.

### KEYS OF MUNICIPALITY WILL BE SURRENDERED.

Freedom of the City to Be Given to the King of the Carnival and His Loyal Subjects-Thousands Will Witness the Monster Celebration-Broad Street's Transformation-Programme of the Week of Festivity and Gaiety-The Story of the Carnival.

The Carnival is at hand, and to-morrow will witness the inaugural ceremonies of the Great Richmond Carnival and Free Street Fair.

The appearance of the Carnival thorpughfare, Broad Street, has been transformed. One would hardly recognize it as the Broad Street of Richmond a week ago. The carpenter, the mason, and the decorator have been hard at work, and the results of their combined labors is now

From Tenth Street along Broad on both From Tenth Street along Broad on both sides to Adams booths of varied and unique designs have been greeted. Temporary places of business are selected all along the thoroughtare, and with the dawn of to-morrow more will appear. The tradesman will bring his wares, and the man who is there to do business will make his

appearance.
The consummation of carefully-laid plans is about to be realized, and the greatest celebration of its kind that the South has ever seen will soon be a realty. With the days of the week will come thousands of visitors from near and far,

Richmond's enterprise, industry and pregress will be demonstrated to the world.

BROAD STREET. BROAD STREET.

Broad Street was alive with Carnival crowds last night. People from all sections of the city were out watching the building of the booths and the placing of decoons. The work was steadily going or in spite of the night. They began to gather

on the thoroughfare early in the evening and continued to block the way until near midnight.

The Bijou Theatre had the large search-light in play, and caught the crowd. The triumphal arch appeared beautiful under the light, and showed to some degree the grandeur of the magnificent structure.

The Camirol has taken a clean

That the Carnival has taken a strong hold on the people was evident from the gatherings of last night.

Rex has issued the following proclama

PROCLAMATION.

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To All Good Citizens and Sojourners Within the Portals of Richmond:

I will arrive within the portals of your grand old city at 8 P. M. Monday, May 14th. I now command you to be present at the coronation ceremonies not later than 8:15 P. M.

I will give fact. I will give forth on that occasion the

following

EDICT: In view of the many beauties of our coming Carnival, and that Thursday will be Richmond Day, and filled with many Richmond features, and a holiday at all banks, manufactories and wholesale establishments; and, again, in view of the esday, 5. P. M., I command you, my places of business and factories at 3 P. M. places of business and factories at 5, sharp, Wednesday, of May the 16th day, 6t 3 of the clock P. M., and remain closed, and in holiday attire, until the morning of Friday of May, the 18th day. The King EFY REX. Henry the First, of the House of Val-

MILITARY PARADE. The military parade, which is to take place Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, of the week, indeed, Colonel G. Percy hard at work, and their efforts to secure large attendance of the military of the State has been most gratifying. The fol-lowing will be the order of the formation

of the parade: Chief marshal and his staff.

Governor Tyler and staff; the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and band. Battalion of Alexandria, Light Infantry and band, Walker Light Guard, Old Dominion Guard, Anderson Light Infantry under Captain King, of Alexandria. Monticella Guards, of Charlottesville Vance Guards, of Henderson, N. C., under Captain Peyton, of Charlottesville

Jackson Light Infantry and band. Norfolk City Guards, Lee Rifles, under Captain Nottingham.

Company I, of Franklin, and band. Peninsula Guards, of Hampton; New-port News Light Infantry, under Captain

C. C. Vaughan, Jr. arne Military Academy and Lo cust Dale Academy, under the ranking

Naval Reserves and band.
Artillery, Richmond Howitzers and
Grimes Battery, of Portsmouth, and band.

Surry Cavalry. Other companies which report later will be assigned to positions by the chief

marshal. marshal.

The leaders of the various bands are requested to report to Chief Marshal Hawes at 19:15 o'clock Thursday.

COLONEL HAWES' STAFF. Colonel G. Percy Hawes, chairman of the Military Committee, and chief mar-shal of the Military Parade, has sent out

a letter to the following-named gentle men, asking them to serve on his staff during the Military Parade: They will report to the Chief Marshal at 19:15 o'clock at Adams and Grace Street. J. N. Boyd, O. H. Berry, Carter M. Branch, Jonathan Bryan, Joseph Bryan, Cyrus Bossieux, L. Borschers, W. L. Boyd, S. H. Bowman, J. Thompson Boyd, S. H. Bowman, J. Thompson Brown, R. S. Bosher, E. J. Bosher, Bruce Bowe, Dr. C. W. P. Brock, Julian Bryant, T. L. Blanton, George L. Chris-tian, Rev. George Cooper, T. A. Cary, John Chamblin, T. N. Carter, S. L. Carter, John Cussons, G. R. Cannon, Alex. Cameron, Major Clay Drewry, Rev. I. Y. Dawnman, Major J. H. Dooley, J. Y. Downman, Major J. H. Dooley John S. Ellett, C. H. Fleming, Nat Fray-ser, W. S. Forbes, H. A. Gillis, Colone John S. Ellett, C. H. Fleming, Nat Fray-ser, W. S. Forbes, H. A. Gillis, Colenel John W. Gordon, H. S. Hawes, Dr. M. D. Hoge, Jr., E. D. Hotchkiss, W. M. Habilstón, Dr. George Ben Johnston, W. R. Jones, T. F. Jeffress, George F. Jones, John A. Lamb, Hon. John Lamb, T. A. Miller, John Malloney, P. H. Mayo, E. T. D. Myers, Jr. Rev. L. B. Mason E. T. D. Myers, Jr., Rev. L. R. Mason E. T. Mankin, B. B. Munford, Dr. Stuart McGuire, J. D. McClintic, Dr. Edward McGuire, F. E. Nolting, C. H. Nolting, W. O. Nolting, ex-Governor Charles T. O'Ferrall, General A. L. Phillips, E. T. Parkinson, W. C. Preston, Colonel W. H. Palmer, J. Scott Parrich, M. S. Quarles,

Dr. George Ross, Dr. Charles Robins, E. S. Rose, T. M. Rutherfoord, George J. Rogers, E. Strudwicke, G. L. Street.

THE MACHINE JUMPED UPON BY DEMOCRATS

Meeting of the Clay Ward Actives Was Held Last Night.

FREE SILVER IS NOW DEAD

Mr. Barksdale Has Not Changed His Views, But Says There Are Liver Issues.

SLEEPY OFFICIALS WHO DRAW FIVE THOUSAND

vention Question-Hon. Eu-Praised and Honors May Await Him.

Ward Actives at Belvidere Hall last night Most of them were gentlemen who take a very active part in politics. Among those present were Mayor Taylor, City Attorney Pollard, Colonel George Wayne Anderson, Hon. E. C. Folkes and Hon. Isaac Diggs. State Senator William P. Barksdale, of Halifax, who was the principal speaker, received an ovation. He was introduced by Acting President Henry L. Carter. Mr. Barksdale made an eloquent address

in favor of the Constitutional Convention.

"To speak plainly," said he, "the defeat of the convention will mean a defeat of the Democratic party. The present Constitution was foisted upon us by negroes and conventionated the conventional control to the convention of the convention and carpet-baggers. It was designed to operate to the advantage of the negroes. The time has arrived for Virginians to make a Constitution that will fit themelves and fit the present conditions in this

After Mr. Barksdale had spoken at some length of the advantages that would accrue from a revision of the Constitution, no

the 24th of this month. Some of the big leaders seem to be sulking in their tents." The eloquent Senator argued that a ma-ority of the white people of the State cant the convention, and those who ope-rate the party machinery should not stand

upon without regard to race questions.

Mr. Barksdale said that while he was a free-silver man he realized that there were liver issues. In fact, he could not see how the currency question could be a live issue now when it would be impossible issue now when it would be impossible with a Senate adverse to any change to pass a free coinage bill. He favored fighting for live issues, and regarded the Con-stitutional Convention as the livest issue

now before the people.

The Senator said a Constitutional Convention would result in lightening the burden of taxes. Many useless offices could be dispensed with, the suffrage question could be so regulated as to make it possible for the white people to divide on economic questions, and the matter of the appropriation of the school taxes as to the races could be properly regulated. Mr. Barksdale paid a beautiful tribute to the Democracy of Richmond, and was loudly applauded. . The club, by a rising returned its thanks for his able

OTHER SPEAKERS. Hon. E. C. Folkes was called for. He said that before the Norfolk Convention the convention. He favored the striction of suffrage by such method as not to cause a white man to lose his

ote. | Mr. Folkes also referred to some pubofficials drawing \$5,000 a year who te been "too sleepy" to fall into line the party. He culogized William Jennings Bryan.

Hon. Isaac Diggs responded to calls for a speech. He paid a pretty tribute to Hon. Eugene Withers, the father of the convention movement, and suggested him as the proper person for chairman of the convention. Mr. Diggs also said he would like to see Mr. Withers the first Governor under the proposed new constitution. The speaker jumped upon the alleged machine with both feet. said some of the most prominent party leaders and Congressmen were opposed to the convention. This movement, he stated, originated with the people. It was strictly a people's movement, and the people would down the machine as they have always done when aroused. Colonel George Wayne Anderson, when called upon, asked to be excused from

Margaret Jefferson Davis Hayes. ORLEANS, May 12.-It is anounced from United Confederate Vetet Jefferson Davis Hayes, the only surret Jefferson Davis Hayes, the only surviving child of Jefferson Davis, will be at the Louisville reunion. General Gordon has appointed her daughter, the granddaughter of Jefferson Davis, Miss Varina Jefferson Davis Hayes, as sponsor of the entire South, and Miss Mary Watts Wood, of Charlottesville, Va., as chief maid of honor for the South.

The Republican Campaign. DURHAM, N. C., May 12 .- Special .- The Republicans opened the campaign here last night with a speech by Rev. D. A. Long, of Alamance, formerly president of Antloch College, Ohio, where white and colored students were on the same foot-ing. The speaker offered to divide time with any one, but his remarks were so driveling no reply was thought necessary.

Seek a Divorce. George Ross, Dr. Charles Robins, Rose, T. M. Rutherfoord, George attorney, W. H. Baveridge, filed a bill for divorce from her husband, L. John. This is the gentleman that left the city in a mysterious manner on the 1st of May, 1900,



A WRECK, FIRE AND EXPLOSION IN B. & O. TUNNEL

Engineer and Fireman Killed Announcement Made at and Probably Five Unknown Tramps.

Ali Efforts to Quench Them Have so Far Proved Unavailing.

FIREMEN BURNED AND OVERCOME BY SMOKE.

Been Recovered-Frank Lamtell. Whose Negligence is Responsible for the Disaster, Has Surrendered - Says He Must Have Been Asleep.

PHILADELPHIA, May 12.-Through the negligence of a tower man, who lay asleep at his post, a disastrous and fatal freight train wreck occurred here last midnight in a tunnel on the Baltimore and Ohio Railway. An engineer and a fireman were killed and five unknown tramps are supposed to be dead in the wreck. The property loss is estimated at \$185,000.

The man who was responsible for the accident, Frank Lamtell, surrendered himself late this evening to C. O. O. Bent, superintendent, in the employ of the Balti-more and Ohio Railway. He is now under arrest.

The bodies of the engineer and fireman and those of the tramps are buried beneath the wrecked cars, and cannot be recovered until the fire, which followed the collision, is extinguished. About thirty firemen of the city fire department were either burne or overcome by smoke while fighting the flames. None of them, however, were se-

IN TWO SECTIONS. Every night a train known as the New York Freight Express leaves here for New York. Last night the train was made up in two sections, the first section contain-ing forty-three cars. When it reached the tunnel the engine was unable to pull it up the grade, and seventeen cars were deup the grade, and seventeen cars were de-tached and left standing about midway in the tunnel while the others were drawn through. It was the duty of Tower Opera-tor Lamtell to set a red signal on the semaphore at the Callowhill-Street entrance to the tunnel. Being asleep, as he admits, he failed to do this, leaving the white light in view.

At 11:30 o'clock the second section of the

freight, comprising thirty-eight cars, ap-Laub, seeing the white engineer Laub, seeing the white signal, gave the locomotive extra speed in order to carry the train up the grade. The rapidly moving train collided with the standing cars in the tunnel with terrific force.

Fire immediately broke out, and three Fire immediately broke out, and three oil cars, each containing 4.000 gallons of oil, explored. Soon the wreckage was a mass of flames. The fire department was called out, and though the firemen

# HUNDREDS OF EDUCATORS TO ASSEMBLE HERE

Banquet Given at The Jefferson.

WRECKAGE MASS OF FLAMES WILL MEET IN DECEMBER

Decision of Executive Committee of Southern Educational Association.

GOVERNOR TYLER ACTS AS THE TOASTMASTER.

Drs. J. Allison Hodges, R. B. Fulton and Others Respond to Toasts-A Most Delightful and Enjoyable Evening Spent at the Tables-Some of Those Who Were

The Southern Educational Association will hold its annual meeting in Richmond

An announcement to this effect was made

at a banquet given in honor of the Execu-tive Committee of the Association at the Jefferson last night. The committee arrived in Richmond yes

terday morning. It is composed of the fol-lowing gentlemen: Dr. Robert B. Fulton, president, chancellor at the University of Mississippi; Prof. P. P. Claxton, of the North Carolina State Normal Sci North Carolina State North Carolina School & Greensboro; Prof. J. D. Yearby, of Mobile, Ala., and Mr. G. J. Ramsey, of Richmond. After spending the entire morning in viewing the places of interest about the city the committee met at the Jefferson yesterday afternoon and decided upon the place of the next annual meeting of their place of the next annual meeting of their Association. They, however, did not make known their decision until the banquet was

It was about 9:30 o'clock when the guests began to file into the dining-room. There were about seventy-five gentlemen present, and Governor J. Hoge Tyler act-

LAND WITH BRIGHT FUTURE.
Dr. J. Allison Hodges responded to
toast to the Southern Educational Assoc tion, to which Dr. Fulton and Governor Tyler also responded. Dr. Hodges alluded with pride to the monument of Washington in the Capitol Square. He said that the hand on the Washington statue pointed perous and happy. Governor Tyler hu morously replied to Dr. Hodges' remarks by saying that he was once under the im-pression that the hand pointed to the Legislature, and that the Legislature was

pointed to the penitentiary.
Dr. Fulton responded to the toast, "Our Universities and Colleges."
Mr. D. L. Pulliam, of Manchester, responded to the toast, "Our Public Schools and Academies, Dr. S. C. Johnston, of the Union Theo logical Seminary, responded to the toast,

After the conclusion of the toasts, the Executive Committee made the announcement that the Southern Educational Assoclation would hold its next meeting in Among some of those who were at the banquet were: Messrs. S. W. Travers, H.

mass of flames. The fire department was called out, and though the firemen have been at work all last night and all to-day, it has been impossible as yet to extinguish the flames. On account of the heat and some gaseous air in the tunnel, the firemen could enter the tunnel only a short distance without being overcome. Holes were dug in the street to make vents, and the roof of the tunnel was blasted, but to no avail. Shortly after the collision Lamtell disappeared and could not be found until he gave himself up late this evening. When questioned he said:

"I did it. Why the white signal remained in place I do not know, but it was there and the train went through as usual. I was asleep or dozing, and why I cannot say, except that I feel myself overworked; but I am ready to stand the consequence and take what comes for me, I have no excuse to offer."

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# WM. J. RHODES WAS ACQUITTED IN SIX MINUTES

Jury Acted Upon Instructions | Without Reference to the Price Alone and No Arguments Were Made.

#### VERDICT NOT A SURPRISE COMMITTEE'S PROPOSITION

The Evidence Was Voluminous and Filibuster Organized and the Quorum the Story of the Tragedy Well Told.

PATHETIC SCENE WHEN **VERDICT WAS RENDERED** 

the Conclusion of the Trial, But He Indignantly Denied the Allegation-Details of the Last Day's Proceedings of the Trial.

Mr. W. J. Rhodes, who had been on trial or three days on the charge of murdering W. Frank Barnett last January, was ac quitted at the Hustings Court yesterday afternoon at 1:36 o'clock, after the jury had been out but six minutes.

The evidence in the case was quite volum inous and at times sensational, and the whole story was clearly told by the witt told, in fact, that the counsel for both ides deemed it unnecessary to argue the ase, and it was submitted to the jury in

When the trial was resumed in the

Hustings Court at 19 o'clock yesterday morning the jury seemed to be refreshed by their night's rest and paid

the case.

The crowd of spectators was not large at first, but it grew and in a short while the court-room was crowded.

The proceedings begun with the examination of young Chris. Discont by the defense. He was one of those employed at the Hasker-Marcuse factory. He had taken a message from Miss Grace Meoni to accused at the request of Barnett last January to the effect that she had cut her finger, and to tell his wife about it. Mr. Smith was perplexed somewhat by

Mr. Smith was perpected softening the statement made by witness concerning the message, for it tended to create a different impression than that intended by the counsel for the defense, in that upon conference with counsel the witness had said nothing about taking the message to Mrs. Rhodes.

ALL AROUND WITNESS.
A question as to which side had summoned the witness arose, and it was earned that the witness was summe by the defense. His replies to questions, however, seemed to imply that he was a good witness for the prosecution.

Upon cross-examination by Mr. Richardson the witness stated that when he had delivered the message to Rhodes he came back down stairs and found that Barnett had gone home sick. He started tell of his going to the residence of

Barnett. Objection was raised by defense on the ground that the evidence was extraneous, and in order to discuss the point, the jury was taken out of the room.

The prosecution declared that the ev-ence expected from Diacont was in rebuttal to evidence introduced by de-fense in showing why Rhodes had gone

fense in showing why knodes had gone to Barnett's residence in January. The defense held, however, that the witness that had given the testimony referred to had been taken in hand by the Commonwealth, and this contention was sustained by the Court.

When the jury returned to the room, the witness was further cross-examined

the witness was further cross-examined by Mr. Richardson as to what he knew positively concerning the visit of Rhodes to Barnett's home, but witness knew nothing of his own knowledge and was ales was then recalled by defense and

stated that no message was given him to tell his wife about the accident to Miss On cross-examination, he stated that he

on cross-examined the details of the con-could not remember the details of the con-versation with Mr. Marcuse, and was not sure that he had stated, before he heard about the assault upon his wife, that he would kill Barnett if he crossed his path. MISS MEONI ON THE STAND.

The next witness was the much-talked of Miss Grace Meoni, who had figured so extensively throughout the trial as being the friend of Barnett, who went to the Rhodes ome to meet him. She is under medium height, quite good-

ooking, and wore a black head-dress. Her appearance created something of a sensa-She gave her place of residence and her

age, and said she knew both Mr. and Mrs. Rhodes, and had known them about six years. She said she went to the dence of Rhodes on January 11th, nvitation of Mr. Rhodes. A small boy heen bringing messages to her from Mrs. Rhodes to come to see her. She had paid no attention to them, but, when her husband invited her, she went. No arrange-ment had been made between witness and Barnett as to the meeting, and she had no reason to believe that he would call there. He did not come inside the house at that time, but stood at the door with a raised umbrella in his hand. He asked Mrs. Rhodes if he could come in, but she told him her brother-in-law was there, and then he said he would go, for he was sick and must take some medicine. He acted as a gentleman while he was there, and nothing

was done in an unbecoming manner.

She was positive that nothing wrong was done upon that visit, and that Barnett did not get inside the door. Barnett had allowed her to go off that day, and when she told him where she was going, he said that he would drop by there and see them. She told Mrs. Rhodes what Barnett had said, but she did not believe he was coming.

coming.

On cross-examination by Mr. Smith, she said that she picked out the day for (Continued on Sixth Page.)

# SENATE REJECTS THEPROJECTFOR ARMOR FACTORY

to Be Paid for Armor.

Broken Before a Vote Could Be Reached.

A SENSATIONAL SPEECH, DELIVERED BY MR. CHANDLER

ment Had Been Defranded in the Adoption of Harveyized

WASHINGTON, May 12-By a close tote the Senate rejected the proposition to which the government could secure arm tory The vote upon the direct propost-

lared a similar fraud was proposed in ttempt to force the government to adopt he Krupp armor.

of Maine, made notable speeches, depre-cating the war talk yesterday by Mr. Lodge, of Massachusetts, the latter declar-ing that the United States and Germany were bound together by indissoluble ties.

PATENT A FRAUD.

The naval appropriation bill being under onsideration, Mr. Chandler declared that fter the adoption of the Harveyized armor by this government, Commander Fol-ger resigned and joined the Harvey Com-pany at a salary of \$5,000, with an addi-

Continuing, Mr. Chandler declared: sileve and I am prepared to show that he Harvey patent was a fraud, and that t was imposed upon the Patent Office and is no patent about it, and there is no ecret about it that is worth a dollar in

the statement of Mr. Lodge, made yeserday, that Germany was threatening the RELATIONS CORDIAL.

REPLATIONS COMPLAIN
He said he had it on the highest authority that there was never a time when
more cordial relations existed between the
United States and Germany than to-day. The naval bill debate ceased, and voting for the armor for the Ohio and Missis ppi, was defeated. Mr. Petius offered an amendment mak-

ing it mandatory upon the Secretary of the Navy to erect an armor-plate at once

Mr. Tillman's amendment, fixing the maximum price at \$300 per ton, except for the battleships Missouri, Maine and Ohio, for which \$45 was to be paid, and making it mandatory upon the Secretary of the Navy to construct an armor plate plant, was defeated 22 to 24. The Senate adjourned at 4:15 P. M.

#### SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS

-The Carniyal opens to-morrow.
-The Amedican Pharmaceutical Asso-iation complete work of the convention.
-Injunction issued in Jackson Ward -Dentists finish work of their annual

session.

- Mrs. L. John sues for divorce.

- American Water Works Association to meet Tuesday.

- Virginia State Bankers Association meets Thursday.

- Richmond wins in close game.

- Political matters.

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- Couthern Educational Association to meet in Richmond.

State. -Benjamin Goldsmith, about to be sent

Benjamin Goldsmith, about to be sent to the grand jury for attempted criminal assault, gets a reprieve through testimony of an Episcopal minister, who impeaches the character of the complainant.

Alexander Lambert wanted for the murder of his wife at Noakesville, Va.

Bishop Randolph ordains Rev. Thomas S. Russell at Bristol. Va.

Charles Catron shot by regulators at Rural Retreat, having been taken for another man.

another man.

-Charles Hairston still in jail at Martinsville under military protection against the mob. Story of his crime. A girl's desperate resistance and use of a pistol.

-Norfolk Nayal Reserves coming to Richmond on their yacht Siren. General,

-Government armor-plate project reected by Senate.

-Wreck, fire and explosion in a railroad tunnel.

—Towne's nomination to be pushed before Democratic Convention. Foreign.

-Union Jack flies over Kroonstadt, -British entered town without opposi-

tion.

-Transvasiers fied, declaring they will not fight on Free State territory.